

MAKE THE CASE TO ATTEND NAC26 - REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

I would like to attend the *2026 Natural Areas Conference (NAC26): Where Science Meets Stewardship*, October 5 - 8, 2025, in Asheville, NC.

The Natural Areas Conference is the only national conference specifically designed for land and water management practitioners - bridging the gap between research and on-the-ground practice. The conference gathers more than 350 natural areas practitioners who share their research and evidence-based practice within a variety of sessions that focus on the day-to-day management of natural areas from a variety of ecosystems.

The agenda focuses on peer-to-peer engagement, information-sharing, and collaboration to address the unique needs and challenges of those who specialize in ecological management via both classroom and field settings.

Participants have shared countless stories about how information gained from their participation in this conference had a direct impact on the lands they steward. This makes the conference not only a professional development opportunity, but also an economical way for me to access the latest information, evidence-based practice, and a network of experts that can advance our work on the ground at **[Insert]**.

Here are some sessions I plan to attend:

- 1) **[Insert]**
- 2) **[Insert]**
- 3) **[Insert]**

For budget consideration, here is a summary of the costs:

- Registration **[Insert]**
- Travel Estimate **[Insert]**
- Hotel Accommodation **[Insert]**
- Other? **[Insert]**
- Total Estimate **[Calculate Total]**

I'm committed to ensuring that my attendance benefits our entire team. After the event, I would share key takeaways and appropriate strategies to implement the most relevant strategies.

Sincerely,